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Letter dated 22 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I have the honour to draw your attention to the alarming issue of the torture crimes by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which were revealed by the report of the United States Senate in December 2014.

The CIA torture crimes, which were conducted in the most brutal medieval forms and unanimously denunciated worldwide as the culmination of human rights violations, deserve severe punishment by the international community and need to be urgently addressed in international human rights forums, including the Human Rights Council.

I therefore strongly request that the issue of CIA torture crimes committed by the United States be formally discussed by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session, including the establishment of an independent commission of inquiry mandated to make thorough investigations of CIA torture crimes and to hold those responsible to account for their most serious human rights violations.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Human Rights Council.

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